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COLOMBO, Sri Lanka —A former prime minister escaped with minor bruises yesterday when three bombs exploded at a campaign rally and security guards responded by firing randomly. Nearly 40 people were reported injured. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, who has become a top opposition leader since leaving office, said the attempt on her life failed when a bodyguard kicked away a grenade that was thrown at her before it could explode. Five thousand people were attending the outdoor rally at Hingurakgoda, a remote town 160 kilometres northeast of Colombo, to hear Mrs. Bandaranaike campaign for the Feb. 15 general election. /AP